

Letting Agent Enforcement Order (LAEO) under section 48(7) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Act)

Reference number: FTS/HPC/LA/19/1445

Date Order was granted 20 August 2019

Parties:

Miss Lynn Robertson ("the Applicant")

Homefinders Inverclyde ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Members:

Alan Strain (Legal Member) and Linda Reid (Housing Member)

Whereas in terms of their decision dated 20 August 2019, The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) (**Tribunal**) determined that the Respondent has failed to comply with the Letting Agent Code of Practice (**Code**) and in particular that the Respondent has failed to comply with the following aspects of the Code:-

Paragraphs 18, 21, 85, 86, 88, 90, 91, 93 and 108 of the Code.

The Tribunal now requires the Respondent to take such steps as are necessary to rectify the failures listed above.

The Tribunal orders the Respondent within 21 days of the date of service of this order to lodge with the Tribunal and copy to the Applicant:

- (a) Written Procedures and processes confirming appropriate systems and controls are in place to ensure repairs and maintenance obligations are done to an appropriate standard within relevant timescales;
- (b) Written Procedures and processes for tenants to notify any repairs and maintenance and target timescales; and
- (c) Clear information about who will manage repairs and maintenance.

A party aggrieved by the decision of the Tribunal may appeal to the Upper Tribunal for Scotland on a point of law only. Before an appeal can be made to the Upper Tribunal, the party must first seek permission to appeal from the First-tier Tribunal.

Housing and Property Chamber First-tier Tribunal for Scotland

That party must seek permission to appeal within 30 days of the date the decision was sent to them.

Please note that in terms of section 51(1) of the Act, a Letting Agent who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with an LAEO commits an offence liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

A. Strain

Date: 20 August 2019

Legal Member: Alan Strain